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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 19, 2003, please reconsider this application in light of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Applicants thank the Examiner for allowing claims 5-24, 26-28 and 32-59.

Claims 1-3 have been rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,528,780 (Mitsuoka). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 states that collimated light entering the light-permeable medium is reflected sequentially from the first and second reflecting surfaces and then focused on the light focusing